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Applicant alleges that the "Reasons for Allowance merely loosely paraphrase claims, and therefore do not accurately restate the claimed invention" and that the Examiner "unnecessarily comments on the merits of prior submitted arguments." In response, the Examiner would like to point out that the Stated Reasons for Allowance recites, essentially word for word, the new language added to claims 1 and 8 in the Examiner's Amendment. Moreover, the Examiner was unable to find the "unnecessary comments on the merits of prior submitted arguments" the Applicant is referring to. Accordingly, the Examiner maintains the reasons stated in the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance as the reason why the claims are allowable.

The IDS filed on November 20, 2001 and subsequently resubmitted by Applicant has been considered. The initialed and signed IDS is attached hereto.

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